

MICHAEL F. EASLEY

## MUSEUM WEEK

## 2008

## BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

## A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina museums enhance the quality of life for all our citizens, and attract more than 10 million visitors annually, thereby significantly contributing to our state and local economies each year; and

WHEREAS, more than 500 museums, zoos, aquariums, galleries, science centers, and local and regional historic sites in the state contribute to a high quality of cultural activity in all 100 North Carolina counties; and

WHEREAS, museums also strengthen the educational opportunities of North Carolina students and adults; and

WHEREAS, regular visits by school groups to the state's museums give children the chance to be exposed to outstanding examples of historical, natural and artistic exhibits; and

WHEREAS, museums offer learning opportunities which are not available in the classroom setting; and

WHEREAS, education is not limited to children; museums provide a lifelong learning experience for adults, as well; and

WHEREAS, museums provide an understanding and awareness of culture and nature that can be rewarding for all our citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 18-24, 2008, as "MUSEUM WEEK" in North Carolina, and I urge our citizens to take advantage of the educational and cultural resources of the State's museums.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-eighth day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.